

Priscilla Ross - Re: Possible Siting Changes

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Re: Docket Number: 01-SIT-1

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Dear Commissioners:

I was an intervenor, on behalf of the Sierra Club, Kern-Kaweah Chapter, on Pastoria Energy Facility (99-AFC -7) about eleven months ago. It was the only CEC intervention I ever made. I would have liked to have been able to follow the procedures of the California Environmental Quality Act, but I was able to understand a little of the ways of the CEC, all of which I found consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act.

I appreciated the ability to cross examine witnesses. I hope the CEC does nothing to restrict the extent of cross-examination available to intervenors.

If I were smart and experienced, I could have submitted more of my testimony in writing and saved time for the applicant and the Commissioners. As is, I was grateful to use some oral testimony and I hope the ability for intervenors to use oral testimony will not be reduced.

Currently an applicant can informally exchange information and discuss procedural issues with staff without a publicly noticed workshop. I see no purpose in allowing any other sort of meeting, by any party without a publicly noticed workshop. Some intervenors may wish to know every word an applicant says to staff, rather than relying on a written record of the content of the discussions.

Thank you,

Arthur Unger